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SUBJECT: YUGOSLAV-EC RELATIONS: RULES OF ORIGIN

REFS: A. BELGRADE 435 (NOTAL) B. STATE 12446 (NOTAL)

1. IN COURSE OF DISCUSSION ON GATT ARTICLE XXIV:6 NEGOTIATIONS (REPORTED BELGRADE 0680 NOTAL), LJUBISA MILANOVIC, DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, SECRETARIAT FOR FOREIGN TRADE, ALSO REFERRED TO RULES OF ORIGIN ISSUE (REFTELS).

2. YUGOSLAVIA WILL "VERY PROBABLY TAKE PART" IN GATT CONSULTATIONS ON RULES OF ORIGIN REQUESTED BY US, MILANOVIC STATED. MAJOR INDIVIDUAL YUGOSLAV ENTERPRISES ARE NOW BEING ASKED FOR ESTIMATE OF DAMAGE THEY EXPECT TO SUFFER AS RESULT OF RULES OF ORIGIN SET OUT IN EFTA AND EC/EFTA AGREEMENTS.

3. MILANOVIC COMMENTED THAT SERIOUS ADDITIONAL RULES OF ORIGIN
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PROBLEM REMAINING UNRESOLVED BETWEEN EC AND YUGOSLAVIA

CONCERNS CITRUS FRUIT SHIPMENTS THROUGH PORT OF KOPER. MAJOR
INSTALLATIONS AT THAT PORT HAVE REMAINED IDLE FOR OVER TWO YEARS,
MILANOVIC STATED, AS RESULT OF RULES OF ORIGIN CLAUSE IN EC-ISRAEL
AGREEMENT WHEREBY CITRUS FRUIT GET EC PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT
ONLY IF TRANSIT IS THROUGH TRIESTE.
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